

## Department of Correction Hosts Marion County Re-entry Town Hall Meeting

Indianapolis, Indiana (June 18, 2008)—Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner J. David Donahue hosted a Re-entry Town Hall Meeting in Indianapolis to discuss offender re-entry to Marion County and how the community must be prepared for returning offenders.

Around 100 people attended the meeting, including Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi, who introduced Commissioner Donahue to the audience.



Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi

Commissioner Donahue reminded the audience that 97% of offenders currently incarcerated will be released eventually and that approximately 5,000 offenders will be released to Marion County this year.



Department of Correction Commissioner J. David Donahue

Another topic of discussion was how the community can assist in preparing offenders for release back to the community. Director of Re-entry David Burch spoke about how volunteer involvement and community support are keys to an offender's successful re-entry after incarceration. He also pointed to an eye-opening statistic—some zip codes in Marion County receive more released DOC offenders than many entire counties in Indiana.



Director of Re-entry David Burch

The meeting proved very successful as a discussion between the Department of Correction, local officials, community providers, and concerned citizens.